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## Grand Canyon News Release

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### **SHOSHONE PRESCRIBED FIRE MAY OCCUR ON GRAND CANYON'S SOUTH RIM THIS WEEK**

**Grand Canyon, AZ-** A favorable window of conditions may exist for fire managers at Grand Canyon National Park to ignite the Shoshone prescribed fire on or near April 25. The Shoshone burn unit is located on the park's South Rim, approximately three miles east/southeast of the village area.

Hand and aerial ignition will be used to treat up to 1,090 acres. This will be a second entry burn; the area was previously treated with prescribed fire in 1999. The second entry burn is conducted in an effort to mimic the natural fire cycle. The primary fuel types are ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper.

The Shoshone burn unit is bordered by both Highway 64 East (Desert View Drive) and the Yaki Point Road; however both roads are expected to remain open. Minor traffic delays are possible. The Shoshone Point Road and day use area will be closed to visitation during the prescribed fire.

A large smoke column will be visible on the day of the prescribed fire. Residual smoke impacts may occur in Grand Canyon for 2-4 days following the burn.

For additional fire information, please call 928-638-7819. You may also visit Grand Canyon's website at <http://www.nps.gov/grca>.

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